

ABSTRACT

An automated system and method to request, process, fulfill, manage and terminate an inter-provider IP service is introduced to allow the realization of an
5 electronic inter-provider IP service, including the service definition, requisition, contracting, provisioning, management, fulfillment and settlement. The system includes an adaptive hardware infrastructure and flexible software to define business models and revenue structures that can adapt to business requirements and provide real-time information to profit centers.